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ASPPH Statement on FY 2022 Omnibus Spending Bill

March 11, 2022 – The Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) applauds final passage of the fiscal year (FY) 2022 omnibus spending package. The bipartisan, bicameral measure invests in key federal agencies and programs of importance to the academic public health community. President Biden plans to sign the bill into law today.

ASPPH is grateful for increases to budgets for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Agency for Health Research and Quality (AHRQ), and other federal agencies. These investments are critical as the nation continues to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and seeks to prepare for future public health threats.

We commend the $582 million increase to the CDC budget, with an overall total of $8.5 billion for FY 22. This funding is critical to help address public health workforce, capacity, and infrastructure needs. Within the CDC budget, ASPPH was especially pleased to see:

- $200 million in new flexible funding for public health infrastructure needs;
- $61 million to support the public health workforce, a $5 million increase above the FY 21 level;
- $647 million for global health initiatives, a $54 million increase above the FY 21 level;
- $31 million for the CDC NIOSH Education & Research Centers, a $1 million increase above the FY 21 level; and,
- Continuous funding for the CDC Prevention Research Centers, CDC Injury Control Centers, CDC NIOSH Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing Centers, and CDC Academic Centers for Public Health Preparedness.

Additionally, we are grateful for robust investments in advancing biomedical research and scientific breakthroughs including:

- $45 billion for the NIH base budget, a $2.25 billion increase above the FY 21 level. This includes $86 million for the NIH Fogarty International Center to strengthen global health research, a $2.8 million increase above the FY 21 level; and,
- $1 billion in new funding for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) under the HHS Office of the Secretary.

We were also pleased to see $8.9 billion for HRSA, a $1.4 billion increase above the FY 21 level:

- Within HRSA, the Public Health and Preventive Medicine program received level funding at $17 million, including $9.8 million for the Public Health Training Centers (PHTC).
While we are grateful for boosts in funding to many accounts, we are also disappointed that several programs of importance to the academic public health community did not receive increases, including many CDC Center programs and HRSA’s PHTCs. ASPPH looks forward to working with Congress to demonstrate the need for enhancing critical support for these programs and additional funds to fight COVID-19.

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